

so many women and their loved ones, and it is of the utmost importance that the public is aware of current information and treatment options.

I commend organizations like Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and others, for its dedication to educating the citizens of our community and keeping them updated on the status of relevant research. I appreciate its commitment to providing more opportunities for individuals to learn about the disease, by spreading the message of prevention and awareness to wider audiences. In order to prevent breast cancer, we must increase our awareness, which makes research, early detection, and treatment all the more important as a woman's best defenses in the fight against this deadly disease.

In acknowledging and honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month, doing so, we will educate our loved ones across the Nation—many mothers, sisters, and friends—on the importance of early detection, so that we may prevent as many women from dying as possible.

HONORING LEE MYERS, MAYOR OF
MATTHEWS, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the great work of one of my constituents, R. Lee Myers, mayor of Matthews, North Carolina. Mayor Myers has recently completed his ninth term in office. Lee is a wonderful public servant—he's given over 20 years of his life to serve the citizens of Matthews—as mayor and as a town commissioner. During this time, he's overseen the rapid development of Matthews into one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the Nation.

Born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in 1951, Mayor Myers graduated from East Mecklenburg High School, received a B.A. from East Carolina University in 1973, and received a law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1976. Mayor Myers and his wife Lucinda have two children, Matthew and Amanda. He currently practices law alongside his son, Matthew, at the Myers Law Firm, PLLC.

Mayor Myers' civic activities also include serving on the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization from 1989 until the present, having served as chairman from 1997 to 2005. He has also been the Matthews representative to the Metropolitan Transit Commission since its formation.

Today, I join the nearly 30,000 residents of Matthews in thanking Mayor Myers for his two decades of outstanding service to them and to Mecklenburg County. His dedication is to be commended, and I wish him and his family all the best.

RECOGNIZING HARRY STATHAM
FOR HIS 1,000TH VICTORY AS
THE MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH
AT MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY IN
LEBANON, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Harry Statham who, on November 13, 2009, posted his 1,000th victory as coach of the McKendree Bearcats, the first coach of a men's 4-year college basketball program to reach that mark.

Harry Statham began his career at McKendree College in 1966 after 5 years as a high school coach. Forty-four years later, coaching in the basketball court that bears his name, Coach Statham is still at McKendree, now McKendree University, and has built an impressive program on the guiding principle of, "You win games by getting the right kids." And Harry Statham's criteria for "the right kids" should be a model for other coaches in all sports. "We want good people, good students and good basketball players—in that order," he says.

Harry Statham has been the career wins leader for a 4-year men's basketball program since passing Dean Smith with his 880th victory in 2004. His record, after the 79–49 win over East-West University on November 13, was 1000–318.

Harry Statham's career is not marked solely by an impressive number of victories. He was named the 2001–02 NAIA Men's Basketball Coach of the Year and has received the AMC Coach of the Year award eight different times. He was a six-time recipient of the NAIA District 20 Coach of the Year, has been named the NAIA-Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Men's Basketball Coach of the Year 12 times, was the recipient of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, NABC, Guardians of the Game Leadership Award and received the Distinguished Service Award from the United States Sports Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Harry Statham on his milestone 1,000th victory as the men's basketball coach at McKendree University and to thank him for his many contributions to his sport, his university and his community.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR TOBY D.
PATTERSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize and honor MAJ Toby D. Patterson, United States Marine Corps, for his service to the U.S. House of Representatives as he prepares to depart Capitol Hill. After serving over 2½ years as a liaison officer and the Deputy Director of the United States Marine Corps Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives, he will be attending the Australian Command and Staff College in Canberra, Australia.

While serving in the Liaison office, Major Patterson developed and executed a legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps that was instrumental in training and equipping the Marine Corps and ensuring their success on the battlefield. By engaging members of Congress and their staffs, Major Patterson directly facilitated an increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships, which is a cornerstone of the Corps' strategic vision.

During his time on Capitol Hill, Major Patterson successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic Congressional and Staff Delegations. His attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed my fellow members of the House to focus on fact-finding and gleaning new insights that informed critical decisions to support the people of the United States. Due to his professionalism, dedication and knowledge, Major Patterson became a highly sought after military escort for delegations traveling into Combat and Post Conflict Zones. The time he has spent supporting members of the House has been truly noteworthy.

Major Patterson has distinguished himself as a man of many talents. While working in a challenging environment, he earned a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, completed the Marine Corps Non-Resident Command and Staff College, and succeeded as an accomplished athlete having run two Marine Corps Marathons and completing a full Ironman Triathlon.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I have benefitted personally from Major Patterson's invaluable insights and hold great appreciation for the caliber of his work. He sets a high standard for others to emulate, and our Nation benefits from his outstanding dedication and leadership. I am certain that the members of the House will join me in wishing Major Patterson and his wife, Lindsey, continued success in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Monday, November 16, 2009, I was unable to cast votes on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 889 and 890, and "aye" on rollcall vote 891.

BANK OVERDRAFT POLICIES

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise on behalf of American consumers who have contacted me about their discontent regarding bank overdraft fee policies. Most, if not all, of these individuals are everyday Americans who regularly monitor their spending and account usage. Unfortunately, many of these individuals are victims of unfair and excessive overdraft fees charged by banks.